

ICE SHORTAGE IS LESS ACUTE, SAYS FOWLER

District Health Officer Declares Back of Famine Has Been Broken.

Washington ice consumers, cheer up: Dr. William C. Fowler, District Health officer, said last night that the ice situation is painted blacker than it really is, and that it is growing brighter every day. "For a time it did look pretty bad," said Dr. Fowler, who also is chairman of the Ice Conservation Committee, "but the spell of cool weather and the systematic distribution of ice has broken the back of the 'famine,' for the time being, anyway, and I believe present conditions will prevail or be better soon."

Mr. Fowler said complaints to the health department have fallen off and optimism is expressed on all sides. Outside Help On Way. "Then, too, a supply of natural ice coming from the Hudson, the first large load of which will arrive early next week, will help considerably," said the health officer. "But the consumers must continue to conserve in every possible way. We are counting on that to prevent a serious shortage."

Cool weather has fallen to lesson the long lines that form daily before daybreak at the various distributing platforms. "Playing no favorites is said to be the rule of the men doling out the ice, but that this rule has been broken in a number of instances is testified by a considerable number of consumers. August A. Breuninger, lawyer and secretary of the Un-A-Quaw-Ian Society, formerly the Progressive Women Association, said last night he had noticed policemen take money from certain persons and give up and buy them ice tickets, and this while we had to stand there in line and wait."

One Man Has Three Tickets. "I saw also certain persons break into line just ahead of me and buy three tickets," he added. "I overheard a remark by one of the ice officials that this man had bought three ice tickets on three different occasions the same day. I saw policemen go up the line and call certain parties out of line and take them down to the office. I am quite sure bought tickets for them, although I was not close enough to observe. "This is not fair to honest people who come there and take their turn in line and wait for hours in order to get a piece of ice. They perhaps after they have waited a long time to get up to the wicket they find the supply exhausted."

DANIELS GOES WEST FOR FLEET REVIEW

Secretary Daniels will leave today for San Diego, where he is to review the Pacific fleet August 7. From San Diego the Secretary will travel aboard Admiral Rodman's flagship, the New Mexico, to Los Angeles, where he will review the fleet August 9, according to present arrangements. After this review several of the vessels will proceed to the Hawaiian Islands. September 1 the fleet will assemble and proceed to San Francisco, where President Wilson will review it, September 2 or 3.

NEW YORK HOTEL ARRIVALS.

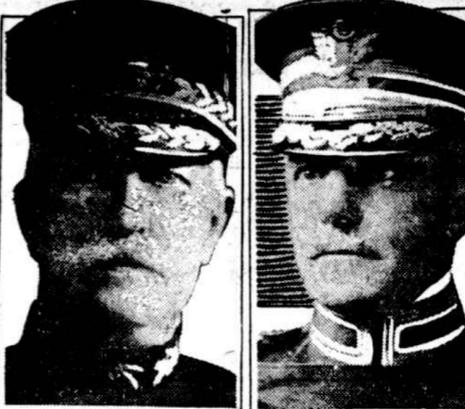
New York, July 31.—The following Washingtonians are registered at the hotels here: G. W. Allen, St. Andrew; A. H. Campbell, Park Avenue; F. H. Deering, Park Avenue; T. L. Field, St. Andrew; H. A. Hesse, Flinders; J. Klein, Cumberland; P. J. Lathrop, Mies; J. J. Leonard, Martha Washington; J. Cullinan, Grand; J. N. Wigginton, Breslin. TRADE REPRESENTATIVES. Brooks, M. & Co., Miss Ray Walker, millinery, McAlpin; The Louvre, Emanuel D. Mayer, women's ready-to-wear and millinery, Pennsylvania; Caroline King & Sons, H. King, ready-to-wear and millinery, Cumberland.

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Blamed for Army Prison Cruelty



GEN. FREDERICK S. STRONG • GEN. WILLIAM HARTS

New York, July 31.—Blame for beating of American soldiers in prison camps in France is laid at the door of Brig. Gen. W. W. Harts and Maj. Gen. Frederick Smith Strong by witnesses in the Congressional committee hearing. Harts was former commander of the American troops in the Paris district. Strong was attached to the Fortieth Division. Orders of the men higher up, is the reason given for admitted cruelty to prisoners.

HIGH COST OF LIVING ATTACKED IN EARNEST

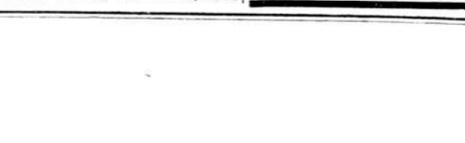
CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE government to make up the deficiency between that price and the \$2.25 guarantee out of the \$1,000,000 fund appropriated to carry out the guarantee. The resolution also requests the Attorney General to take immediate steps to stop speculation and gambling on stock exchanges in food and other necessities of life.

Would Expose Profits. Representative Esch, chairman of the House Commerce Committee, announced that he would place before his committee tomorrow the resolution of Representative Igoe directing the Federal Trade Commission to make an investigation to establish the differences in the cost of production of shoes, clothing and other necessities and the selling prices. The Rules Committee also may take up another resolution by Mr. Igoe directing the Ways and Means Committee to investigate as to the extent that rents and charges for service or other commodities have been increased by individuals, firms and corporations whose incomes and profits for the year 1918 are taxed under the revenue act of 1918. The purpose of this probe would be to enable Congress to retaliate by increasing the taxes.

High Prices for 2 Years Lloyd George Predicts London, July 31.—"No one can imagine prices are going down in the next year or two," Premier Lloyd George declared before the Agricultural Committee of the House of Commons. The shortage of raw materials and foodstuffs is too world-wide to permit a reduction, he said.

Would Increase Wilson's Power.

The range of power possessed by the President was one of the important points discussed by the Cabinet conference. It was stated that if it were found that the President has the power to proceed effectively to remove the conditions which make for the high cost of living that he would be so advised by the Attorney General. It was also stated today that if the President needs more power than he now has, he will ask Congress to enact legislation at once to give it to him. It was pointed out that while the United States Food Administration, through which aggressive steps could be taken, is no longer in existence, nevertheless it may be revived. At the conclusion of the meeting Attorney General Palmer said: "The conference was held in order to get first a survey of the general situation and to get in touch with the problem from various angles and points of view. As the head of the law enforcement part of the government I wanted to get the observations of those who are familiar with the conditions so that the remedy can be applied. There will be another meeting in a few days and



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BEGIN CAMPAIGN ON WAGE BOARD

Federal Employees Fight Plan Rumor Says Kutz Will Recommend.

Alarmed by hints that Commissioner Kutz will recommend at a meeting of the commissioners this morning the establishment of a wage board excluding representatives of labor organizations, a committee from the Federal Employees, Union Central Labor Union and various trade unions of the city will wait upon the commissioners to protest against the establishment of such a board. Plans for the protest were made last night at a conference at Central Labor Union headquarters, which was participated in by Secretary Newton A. James, Thomas A. Jones of the stationary engineers, William H. Shafter and Charles A. Frazier of the machinists, J. E. Toomey, president of the National Federation of Federal Employees, W. F. Franklin, T. B. Carroll, and Ethel M. Smith, delegates to the Central Labor Union from Federal Employees Union No. 89. This conference followed a meeting of the executive committee of Local No. 89, called by President E. M. Dawson to take some action in view of Commissioner Kutz's statement.

Prepare the Prince of Wales' Ship for U. S. Trip

Portsmouth, England, July 21.—Work had begun here today in preparing the British warship Renown for its trip to America with the Prince of Wales.

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WALTER T. WHEATLEY SUCCUMBS IN FRANCE

Walter T. Wheatley, last surviving member of a prominent old Georgetown family, died Tuesday at Nice, France, according to a cablegram received here from Mrs. Wheatley. He was in his seventy-third year and his death followed a long illness. Mr. Wheatley was the son of Francis and Caroline Wheatley. He entered the lumber business of his father at an early age, retiring about 1885. During later years, Wheatley was an extensive traveler. He was married twice. His first wife was a Miss Waters, who died many years ago. His widow was Miss Minnie Douglas, of Georgetown, who will soon return to this country with the body.

Family Cat Battles Snake.

Belton, Texas, July 31.—Tom Smith's tabby, a fighting cat, battled a two-foot water moccasin valiantly when it invaded the family yard. Tom killed the reptile with a hoe.

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Who Is Carry?

TELEPHONE PROPERTIES ARE RETURNED TODAY

After a year of Federal control, the telephone property which makes up the Bell Telephone System is returned to its owners by the United States Government.

While the property has been properly maintained, it is not the same property which the Government took over on August 1, 1918. It is not as adequate for its job or as well-manned as it was; that it is not in no way the fault of Federal control, which was eminently fair. It is due to causes for which neither the Government nor the Company are to blame.

A year ago today we were at war. Labor and material needed for both telephone operation and construction were turned to military uses. Some materials were so vital to the carrying on of the war that even the work of providing telephone facilities for the Government was retarded, and no part of them could be spared for commercial telephone purposes.

No less vital was the Government's need for those skilled to create, maintain and operate the vast intercommunication system necessary in modern warfare and in the conduct of the vastly increased Government services.

Thousands of telephone men were already at the battle front. Thousands more were under arms, and still telephone experts and skilled operators went into the service of the Government and its tributary industries by the tens of thousands.

The reserve of plant and equipment was drawn upon until it was entirely used up and the experienced staff was gradually depleted. To find others to take the places of those who had gone was difficult. To train them takes time.

During the year came victory and the armistice; and instantly the business world sprang into intense activity. The demand for telephone service passed all former records. To replace the exhausted reserve which had been carried for just such purposes and to replace the skilled forces to meet this unprecedented emergency, there began a rush for construction, for readjustment, for high-pressure repairs, for feverish extensions. All these must be continued with increasing effort.

The return of the property comes in the very midst of this race between an overpowering demand and an upbuilding of a system whose growth was held back and whose forces were stunted by the vital needs of war.

Much progress has been made in the upbuilding of this system, but far more is still required to meet the swift growth of business; and also to give "first aid" to every other business or every other service struggling against an unprecedented demand.

Prosperity which creates this emergency in service creates also a scarcity of those desiring employment in the service. Under such conditions telephone service generally has not been, and could not be, up to the pre-war standard. It is beyond human power to immediately overcome the handicap which the situation imposes.

There are no people in any public or private endeavor who are working more tirelessly or strenuously for the common good than those of the telephone company. Service has always been given. More of it must be given, and it must be improved. That improvement in some cases will take months. Eventually service must win the race with demand.

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